

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard L. Chinn on 3/27/08. The application has been amended as follows:

In claims 7 and 8, the phrase "selected from the group comprising" has been deleted and the phrase --at least one selected from the group consisting of-- has been inserted.

Claim Objections Withdrawn

The objection to claim 11, outlined in the previous Office Action, has been overcome by applicant's amendment. The amendment corrects the spelling.

112 Rejections Withdrawn

The rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, outlined in the previous Office Action, has been overcome by applicant's amendment. With respect to claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 11 and 12, applicant's amendments and arguments have been

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carefully considered and are persuasive. With respect to the remaining claims, the rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art appears to be US 6,433,219 B1, which teaches a related process of the production of methylenediphenylamine and methylenediphenylisocyanate (abstract; column 9, line 11, Examples). The reference neither teaches nor suggests the instant process.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0638. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne (Bonnie) Eyler can be reached at 571-272-0871. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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